



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application	)	<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>
Inventors: Taubman et al.	)	
Serial No.: 09/531,918	)	Art Unit: 2624
Filed: 3-21-2000	)	Examiner: Chen W.
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF	)	
SNR SCALABLE QUAD-TREE	)	
BIT-PLANE CODING	)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 6-24-04,  
applicants respectfully request that the above-identified  
application be amended as follows.